

DELF - *Diplôme d'études en langue française*

DELF junior

DALF - *Diplôme approfondi de langue française*

The DELF and DALF are diplomas awarded by the French Ministry of Education to prove the French-language skills of non-French candidates. There are six independent diplomas, which correspond, respectively, to the six levels of the Council of Europe's *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages* (CEFR).

Duration of examinations		DELF/DALF	CEFR	User
3 hours 30 min.	4 hours	DALF C2	C2	proficient
		DALF C1	C1	
2 hours 30 min.	1 hour 45 min.	DELF B2	B2	independent
		DELF B1	B1	
1 hour 40 min.	1 hour 20 min.	DELF A2	A2	basic
		DELF A1	A1	

Each examination comprises sections testing the four skills: oral production & reception and written production & reception.

Holders of the DELF B2 or DALF diplomas are exempted from language entrance examinations in French universities.

There are also special versions of DELF diplomas for adolescents. These are structured in the same way as the adult versions, but the themes used are chosen to suit preadolescent and adolescent candidates.

Duration of examinations		DELF junior	CEFR	User
2 hours 30 min.	1 hour 45 min.	DELF junior B2	B2	independent
		DELF junior B1	B1	
1 hour 40 min.	1 hour 20 min.	DELF junior A2	A2	basic
		DELF junior A1	A1	

Outside France, the DELF programme may be integrated into the local secondary-school curriculum if an agreement is signed by the local educational authorities and the French embassy's cooperation and cultural action department. In this case, we refer to "DELF scolaire" (see the "DELF scolaire" sheet).

For children recently arrived in France, the "DELF scolaire" is organised by the "rectorats".

Conditions for sitting the examinations

The DELF, DELF junior and DALF diplomas **may be sat and passed individually**, in a single country or in different countries, and with no time limit.

Persons not of French nationality who wish to validate their French-language skills for personal, educational or professional reasons may sit the examinations. During any given session, a given candidate may sit examinations for more than one diploma.

Under certain conditions, French citizens may also sit the DELF and DALF examinations.

Whether in France or abroad, **registration** takes place in the examination centres. Abroad, **registration fees** for individual diplomas are set by French embassies' cooperation and cultural action departments and by the National Commissions. In France, they are set by the "rectorats".

A list of examination centres in France and abroad may be found in the DELF-DALF section of the CIEP website (www.ciep.fr).

Diplomas awarded before September 2005

All diplomas, whether it be the 1st or 2nd degree DELF or DALF awarded before September 2005, remain valid. No equivalent diploma will be delivered.

Opening of examination centres

Abroad, the examinations are organised under the authority of French embassies' cooperation and cultural action departments. In France, requests must be sent to the relevant "rectorat d'académie".

DELF and DALF worldwide :

- 167 countries
- 1,000 examination centres
- 270,000 diplomas awarded annually

The CIEP provides the examination centres with specific information and training enabling them to harmonise their training offers and prepare for the necessary promotion and administration.

The awarding of DELF-DALF diplomas is placed under the authority of the National Commission of the DELF and the DALF, of which the head office is at the CIEP.